The Tank Maintenance Rules have been revised with a view to enable Revenue Officers to take prompt action for executing maintenance work in cases where it is neglected by the holders of land responsible for the up-keep of the tank.

The rules for the grant of land on darkhast were revised and consolidated and the opportunity was taken (*i*) to delete certain obsolete rules, such as those purporting to govern the grant of lands on coyle tenure for Musafirkhanas, Chattrams, etc., (*ii*) to enhance the powers of Revenue Officers to grant lands without auction for an upset price in suitable cases, (*iii*) to extend the concessions given to members of the depressed classes to acquire lands for *bona fide* cultivation, and (*iv*) to place the rules regarding grant of lands for the cultivation of coffee, tea, cardamom, etc., on a more satisfactory footing.

The fees levied for the manufacture of earth salt were reduced in order to give some relief to the people engaged in this useful but decadent industry.

The system of levying tolls on State Fund roads was examined by a Committee with particular reference to the possibility of removing any hardship caused to agriculturists by this impost. On the recommendation of the Committee, the practice of levying tolls on animals has been done away with, while exemptions have been granted in respect of carts carrying manure, agricultural implements, etc. The principle that toll-gates should be at least 25 miles apart from each other has also been accepted.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Register of Vacancies.

READ—

Paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Manual of Rules relating to the Recruitment to the subordinate ranks of the Public Service about maintaining in the form given in Appendix V of the Manual, a register of vacancies in the Offices of Unit Officers and in those of officers empowered to make appointments and subordinate to the Unit Officers.

2. Letter No. A. 1062-28, dated 16th October 1928, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, bringing to notice that the form of register of vacancies given in Appendix V of the Manual of Rules relating to recruitment, does not contain headings for noting particulars of pay of the vacancy and the consequential vacancy to be dealt with, and that the desirability of having headings for noting dates of occurrence and report of vacancy and of submission of "A" statement may also be considered, and submitting a draft of a revised form for approval.

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The form suggested by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, is approved with certain modifications, as shown in the annexure.

2. Government are pleased to direct that the register of vacancies in the Offices of Unit Officers be maintained under the headings given in the appended form.

All officers empowered to make appointments and subordinate to the Unit Officers will also maintain in their offices in the same form, a register of vacancies of appointments within their powers of patronage.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.